

## NO LOWER WAGES! TRADE TOO GOOD.

The Cloak Operators Strike  
Against the Proposed  
Reductions.

AT THE SEASON'S HEIGHT.

Business Has Not Been So Good  
for Years, Therefore Work-  
ers Will Not Stand It.

A throng of excited girls gathered yesterday at the headquarters of the United Brotherhood of Cloakmakers, clamorously upbraiding the course of the contractors who employ them in ordering a ton of wages. In several shops the girls quit their work, the employers dis- agree that they cease their employment they should accept the lesser wage, condition is anomalous. The business dealers in cloaks is larger this year in many years that have gone. The for purchase of cloaks is, of course, tummy, and it does not end until the of November. With the prosperous of trade that now obtains, the cloak seems likely to continue well into winter. Now, during this time of profit prosperity, when the makers have to fill, the wages of the work people are reduced.

The work people do not readily bring this angry feeling into harmony. They believe, however, that the contractors are to blame for the reduction. These contractors stand between the manufacturers and the operators. The contractor supplies the manufacturer with the price for their work fixed by agreement. This price is practically the same throughout the several shops. The operators believe that the contractors are trying to gain an unusual profit during the last month of the busy season by reducing the wages for work upon the garments. Hence the throng that crowded the streets that led to the headquarters of the Brotherhood of Cloakmakers in Rivington street. The first report of reduction of wages that reached the headquarters was from the shop of A. M. Slater, No. 200 Greene street. The operators refused to accept the reduction. Then a strike was ordered. Reports were received later that the operators had ceased work in the shops of Oppenheim & Collins, Houston and Greene streets; H. Wadsworth, No. 9 East Broadway; Harris Bernstein, No. 94 Canal street; Rosenschein, Brady & Carlton and smaller firms. In all more than 1,000 cloakmakers were thus put out of employment. Oppenheim & Collins employing 250; Wadsworth, 200; Bernstein, 100; Rosenschein, Brady & Carlton, 250; others, 150.

Warning of reductions in wages was received in other shops, and probably the operators will quit work to-day in the shops of Rosenschein Brothers, where 300 are employed; the Empire Cloak Company, where 200 are employed; Rosenschein, Brady & Carlton, 250; and in smaller shops. 200 in shop meetings were held by the operators in several other shops in which reductions are expected, and by to-morrow thousands of cloakmakers may be out of work.

Marcus O. Brann, secretary of the Brotherhood of Cloakmakers, said yesterday afternoon that he cannot understand why reduction of wages should be attempted at a time when the business in cloaks is thriving. "One thing I do know," he added, "and that is that the union has unanimously decided to accept no reduction. We are anxiously waiting until the manufacturers show their hand. The present trouble probably is brought about by the competition of contractors for work. There are too many of these contractors, and they underbid each other. The manufacturer gains by their competition and the operators or contractors try to even up by cutting the wages of the operators. The suggestion is made by some of the operators that the present condition of the trade has brought into business many contractors of small capital, known in the argot of Greene street as 'cockroaches,' who are striving to get the orders of the manufacturers and in their zeal to engage in business are cutting the wages.

An important struggle between employers and employed is threatened, and business is better than for many years.

**Greater City Joints a League.**  
Greater New York is to be enrolled in the League of American Municipalities, which was created at a gathering of the Mayors of many cities in Columbus, Ohio, last year. The Board of Aldermen has adopted a resolution appropriating the necessary \$60 for the first year's dues.

The objects of the league are the improvement of every branch of municipal administration, co-operation in the study of all questions pertaining to the government of the city, and the establishment of a central Bureau of Information.

## THE BRAND OF CAIN ON THE BROW OF POLICEMAN SMITH'S SLAYER.

Ferocious, Brutal, Yet Phlegmatic, Is Meyer's Face, Unfit by the Fire of Intellect—One More Juror Chosen and Banker Baylies Has a Narrow Escape from Becoming the Tenth.

REPLIES TO HIS KEEPER  
IN MONOSYLLABLES



THE BACK OF  
MEYER'S ILL  
SHAPED HEAD

FOLLOWING A  
PROSECUTOR  
JURY WITH  
HIS EYES